

REMARKS

This reply is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 8, 2004. As required amended paragraphs now include markings and underlining has been removed from new paragraphs. The proper status identifier has been applied to claims 18, 19, and 30-32, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

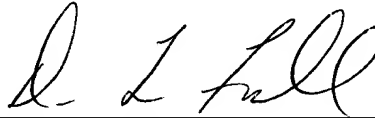
Further Applicants submit herewith a new set of drawings which now read "Replacement Sheet" in the margin of each page.

Except for issues payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

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